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The California-Nevada Token Society holds two general membership meetings each year, usually in the Spring at the Token and Medal Jamborees in San Jose, Cal., and in the Fall at the annual coin show of the Delta Coin Club, Stockton, Cal. Additionally, local membership meetings are arranged often by various members; notice of these meetings is publicized in the LEDGER, and all interested persons are invited at all meetings.

Cal-Neva Token Ledger

1 JANUARY 1977 - We are a little late with this issues, for your editor has just returned from New York and Boston. I went to look at a large accumulation of coins recently brought out of Iran, to buy what I wished and catalogue the remainder for the present owner. And upon my return, my first priorities had to be the attribution of the nearly 1000 coins I hauled home, followed by the preparation of my price list #5.

HIGHLIGHTS: - We have several articles for this issue, with contributions from Don Finch, Phil Jensen and Ed Saunders, with shorter notices from Newt Baird, Lee Nott, and Len Hoskins. Our thanks to all of them. I have on hand one short article by Ed Saunders for February, and will welcome further contributions.

NAME CHANGE: - At the November meeting (more details inside), we formally voted to change the name of the organization from the California-Nevada Token Society to the Western States Token Society (WESTS), effective today, 1 January 1977. One of the major reasons for the change was originally the demise of METCA, but now, under the leadership of Bary Bender, METCA is being revived. METCA dues will be $7.50 per year, and the organization may be contacted via Bary at 1416 Third Avenue, Seattle WA 98101. Our dues are also going up, this time to five dollars.

DUES: - Included with this issue is your 1977 dues envelope. So before you file the Ledger away, get out your pen and checkbook, and send in your 1977 dues right away. Thanks!

FOOD STAMP TOKENS: - Over the past couple of years, an increasing number of food markets are turning to plastic tokens for food stamp change. Food stamps now come in minimum denomination of one dollar, and individual stores are required to supply chits or tokens for amounts less than one dollar, in that the law forbids them from giving change in cash. The plastic tokens have not been very popular in California, save perhaps in the southern San Joaquin Valley, but are now gradually spreading all over the state, affording collectors a few new towns as well as a new specialty. A recent auction list included the following locations for food stamp tokens:

Ontario - Lisa's Market
West Point - Scotto's Sierra Mercantile
Quincy - Boyd's Plaza Market
Chico - Milk-Away Dairy
Thermal - Ky-Ron's (NEW TOWN!!!)
National City - El Airolito Market
Sacramento - Mike's Food Store
Stockton - Solaegui's Quality Meats
Redlands - Gerrand's Cypress Center
Riverside - B & Z Fruit Market

and in other western states:

Clatskanie OR - Weigant's Sentry
Gallup NM - The Hogan
Manokotak AK - Manokotak Village Residents Co-op

These come in sets of five pieces, 1¢ thru 50¢, with total face value of 91¢ (I usually pay face in the stores, sometimes offer a buck as an incentive). Collectors should check these out in their own areas, or when passing through. Some stores are reluctant to sell tokens for cash, but it is absolutely legal for them to do so. The law only prohibits their redeeming tokens for cash; they may legally sell them as they please, for 91¢, for more, or if they are foolish, for less. Incidentally, here is a tip for successful gathering. I always tell the storekeeper that I am a collector, and show him a plastic 2x2 page somewhat more than half full (with duplicates). When he sells me his set, I place them in the empty pockets right in front of him (and then later, in the car, transfer them to a box so the page is ready for the next location!), and often then ask to buy a couple of additional sets for trading to other collectors (usually only for better towns). Using this method, I have yet be turned down.

BICENTENNIAL PROJECT: - The Great American Revolution Bicentennial is now over, but its numismatic legacy will be kicking about for hundreds, if not thousands of years to come. Later this month, the catalogue will start into production. First, I shall type out the descriptions onto 4x6 cards, incorporating all relevant information in a format that can be readily copied for the final manuscript. Secondly, the medals and tokens will all be photographed and the prints readied for reproduction. Thirdly, a follow-up will be made on all loose leads and unclear data. Fourthly, someone will type the manuscript (preferably not me!). Fifthly, a printing contract will be arranged. Finally, the copies will be marketed (we still need a volunteer to handle this part of the operation).

In the next Ledger, I will list in summary all of the pieces heretofore reported, with some pleas for further details.

JANUARY MEETING - Sacramento area regional - Saturday, 29 January 1977, at the home of Jim Rasmussen, 4429 Winding Way, Sacramento, California (phone 489-6862). Usual hours, noon 'til five. To get there, from I-80, take the Auburn Blvd. offramp (you can only go one way to Auburn Blvd., from north or south on I-80), and turn right onto Auburn Blvd. from offramp. Then turn left at Winding Way and proceed to number 4429 on the left. It's real easy to find. Bring trading stock, show off your goodies, have a good time.

FEBRUARY event: - There will be a special section devoted exclusively to tokens and medals at the 1977 Long Beach Stamp & Coin Winter Exposition, to be held 17-20 February at the Long Beach Arena. Paul Koppenhaver is in charge of the exonumia section, and expects ten or more dealers in that section. Tables may still be available, and interested persons may contact Paul at P.O. Box 430, Van Nuys CA 91408.

AS A MEMBER, YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A FREE SIX-LINE AD EACH ISSUE. THE ADS CONTRIBUTE TO THE INTEREST OF THE LEDGER. WHY NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT?

**********SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT**********
by Hal Dunn

BECAUSE OF THE PRESS OF OTHER MATTERS, HAL HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO THE NECESSARY WORK ON OUR SOCIETY BOOKS FOR A MEANINGFUL FINANCIAL REPORT. YOU CAN LOOK FOR A REPORT IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR OF 1976.

DUES ARE DUE! At the semi-annual membership meeting in Stockton in November, those present voted unanimously for an increase in the yearly dues from $4.00 to $5.00 starting in 1977. Considering what each member receives for his dues, that may be a bargain! The dues are meant to cover the cost of printing and mailing this publication, the production and mailing of our annual membership token, and a few miscellaneous expenses.

Enclosed with this issue is a membership renewal form. Please complete it and return it in the envelope also sent with this issue (remove your gifts from the envelope first) to Hal Dunn, P. O. Box 114, Carson City, NV 89701. Although the society name change has been made, please make your payment payable to California-Nevada Token Society.

Your prompt attention will be helpful. A few did pay 1977 dues in Stockton, and a few others are paid in advance, so those people can ignore the dues payment request. -DHF

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END OF YEAR GIFT PACKS: Accompanying this issue is an envelope addressed to our secretary-treasurer, Hal Dunn, which is provided for your convenience in mailing your 1977 dues to him. Inside that envelope, however, are several items of exonumia interest as gifts to you from John Nicolosi, Don Finch, and Duane Feisel. If you like this idea, perhaps we can do it again next year. Perhaps you will have something to be included. - DHF

= IDAHO BICENTENNIAL ITEMS =

According to Kendall Ballard, there have been only a few Idaho items issued for the American Revolution Bicentennial celebration as follows:

1 - Key chain issued by the State
2 - Silver medal in Franklin Mint series
3 - Bronze and silver medals of the Upper Snake River Historical Society (see CNTL August 1976)
4 - Four types of wooden nickels by the same group
5 - Wooden nickel from Cascade, Idaho, Chamber of Commerce

Can anyone add to this list? - DHF

NOTES ON PERSHING COUNTY

(Adapted from a letter from Len Hoskins, Elko NV, to the editor)

In the last Ledger, Duane Feisel referred to the recent discovery of the Lee Mann token from Vernon NV, which he found listed in Humboldt County, but though was probably located in Pershing County. This assumption was correct, for Pershing County was only formed out of a portion of Humboldt in 1919. This I learned while researching old newspapers for information on my metal hunting license collection, from which I quote:

> "To date, the writer has never seen a metal license from Pershing County. Since the metal licenses are not known to have been issued later than 1918, and since Pershing County was not created until 1919, then it's very possible that none of the metal licenses were ever issued there."

On page 35 of the World Atlas and Gazetteer, copyright 1910 by Dodd Mead & Co., Humboldt County is shown, but not Pershing. The map also shows the towns of Diamondfield, Lida and Olinghouse mentioned by Duane in the same article last issue. The map also has the old form "Lovelocks" in place of the more recent "Lovelock." At the bottom of the map is a listing of 16 counties instead of the present 17, and of 175 "principal cities and towns of Nevada." Unfortunately, no population figures are given.

And a note on Pland Evans:

Len also reports a connection between the Pland Evans token, issued by a San Francisco based firm, and the Rio Tinto Mine NV:

"I learned about this token from the daughter of one of the employees at Rio Tinto who still had one. Since then, I've located 2 more among the families of former employees at Rio Tinto. So even if Duane prefers to call it S.F., it was used at Rio Tinto and it was the only type used there during the period of the Rio Tinto boom 1932-1948, when the ore was exhausted."

(Editor's comment) Len's research does prove conclusively that the Pland Evans token was used at Rio Tinto. The question then arises: Where else was it used? Evans operated commissary concessions in various locales, and may have used the tokens at some of these other locations as well. I have found many in the Sacramento Valley, and it is unlikely these would have all traveled down from Rio Tinto. So far, I would conclude that the token can be legitimately listed both for San Francisco (location of company offices, token used at Rio Tinto NV and possibly elsewhere) and for Rio Tinto (known to have been used here by company headquartered in San Francisco).

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ANY IDEAS FOR A NEW NAME FOR THE LEDGER NOW THAT WE ARE THE WESTERN STATES TOKEN SOCIETY? PERHAPS WESTATES TOKEN LEDGER? SEND ANY IDEAS TO THE EDITORS.

THE McCLOUD LUMBER CO.: CAMP TWO, CALIF.

Ed Saunders

I just recently picked up a Camp Two token from the McCloud River Lumber Company. Although I have not yet been able to determine the location of the camp, I did learn that it was the first camp west of White Horse, a small community in Modoc County close to the Siskiyou county line. I do not know if the camp was on the Modoc or Siskiyou side of the county line. White Horse lies about 50 miles northeast of McCloud.

From one of my earlier articles on the camps of the McCloud River Lumber Company, one will find that the company operated many camps, but tokens are only known from four of them:

McCloud - this was and still is the company headquarters and site of the mill, now owned by US Plywood.
Pondosa - about 35 miles east of McCloud.
Camp One - northwest of Pondosa & also known as Slagger Camp.
White Horse - as noted above.

For some time after 1972, my sister and brother-in-law ran the store in Pondosa, though they now live in Chico. The small mill which used to operate there burned down, and about all that is in active operation in the town today is the ranger station. I have not been there in more than a year, so cannot say whether the store remains open. The camp consisted only of a handful of cabins, set on wooden skids. All the other camps have by now been torn down or have fallen down with age. Only traces of Hambone can now be found, while Chiliquin and Kinyon were dismantled by the new owners in 1965, two years after they purchased the company.

Although no longer in business, the McCloud River Lumber Company played an important role in the economy of Siskiyou County for the past seventy years. Today, the camps are lonely and still, and will only be remembered by a few souvenirs left behind. I have 15 different tokens issued by the McCloud River Lumber Co., and know of at least seven others I have thus far been unable to acquire. One of these is from the camp at White Horse. But I know where a stray piece resides and may someday have it for my collection.

There is a certain kind of thrill when a man finds a token from a place that had once played an active role in history, but has gone on to be remembered only in the annals of the past. It is a thrill indeed to hold a piece of history in your hand and say that this is all that is left to tell the story of yesterday. Camp Two was a great find for me, and I look forward to finding tokens from still others of the many camps operated by the McCloud River Lumber Company. Who knows, all of them might have used tokens at some time.

Here are rubbings of the Camp Two token and of an unlisted piece from the Employees' Club in McCloud:

BRASS *ALUMINUM*

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EL DORADO COUNTY BICENTENNIAL MEDALS

CANTS member Newt Baird told me about the new medal issued up in El Dorado County, and loaned me some clippings from the Mountain Democrat and Placerville Times, which I quote:

"Bronze medallions measuring one and half inches depicting the history of El Dorado county are being offered by the El Dorado county Bicentennial commission and will be available at the Pony Express re-run celebration this weekend (July 4 - ed.). One side of the medallion has the Sutter's mill scene and the other side has the Wagon Train, a gold panner, Snowshoe Thompson, a Pony Express rider, and Indian and a Chinese settler. Art work for the medallion was done by local artist Berna Applegate. Proceeds from the sales will be used at the end of the year for a scholarship for the best essay about the county."

Medals may be ordered from the El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce, 542 Main Street, Placerville CA 95667, for $7.50 plus appropriate sales tax.

THANKS TO DALE NOLL!: For the last issue of the Ledger, our printers were not able to provide delivery as prompt as usual with the result that the pages would not be ready until after I had left on a trip. Dale and Clark Cooney stepped into the breech, and volunteered to get the issue assembled and mailed. However, Dale put his wife and daughter to work, and they got the issue stapled together, applied address labels and stamps, and posted copies before Clark even know about it! Thanks, Nolls!

FAREWELL TO ALPINE: - Another rare California town gets debunked! The Davitt & Co. token from Alpine (Sdi 04 A) turns out to be from Colorado, thanks to recent research by Lee Nott. The piece was original listed by TAMS as a maverick, one of the first with a number in the 30's. Another similar token was also noted at the time, identical except that it read BALDWIN in place of ALPINE. According to the Colorado Business Directory (and the efforts of Jim Wright), the following information was gleaned: J.J. Davitt & Co. operated a saloon in Alpine in 1902-1904, and in Baldwin from 1899-1904. So if you own the token, change it to Colorado. It is still a rare piece!

NEVADA BICENTENNIAL GAMING CHIPS AND TOKENS

BY Phil Jensen

The bicentennial theme was apparent everywhere this year and Nevada gambling halls were no exception. Colorful red, white, and blue chips as well as tokens have been making their way across the green felt in several of the state's casinos.

The clubs, of course, are betting that the gamblers will pocket at least one of them for a souvenir, thereby giving the casino a profit of the difference between their cost and the face value of the chip. On a five-dollar chip this is substantial.

The first establishment to issue a five dollar bicentennial chip and perhaps the originator of the whole idea was the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas. The basically red chip with white and blue edge markings pictured the MGM lion with the dates 1776-1976. This chip was put into play on November 10, 1975, even before the bicentennial year began.

Shortly thereafter, the Sahara, Golden Gate, and Union Plaza casinos in Las Vegas followed suit by issuing five dollar chips, each with their personal vignette.

The Union Plaza featured an eagle with the inscription, "Happy Birthday America", and the dates 1776-1976. This chip was for use of the baccarat table only.

The Sahara Hotel chip featured the American flag with the dual dates around the Sahara Lady.

The Statue of Liberty with an American flag in the background graced the Golden Gate's five dollar chip. It, too, bore the dates 1776-1976.

The Lady Luck Casino in Las Vegas soon issued a five dollar, sterling silver, 32 millimeter token for use on their twenty-one tables. This very attractive piece featured a flying eagle with the two dates circled over it.

The Silver Slipper Gambling Hall on the Strip was the first casino to issue a one dollar chip for the bicentennial. This blue chip with red and white edge markings pictured the bicentennial star with the inscription, "American Revolution Bicentennial." It, too, carried the dates 1776-1976.

The Holiday Inn followed with a similar one dollar chip that was used primarily in the poker room. It showed a large ONE decorated in red, white, and blue, with the dates 1776-1976 surrounded by the club's name and eight stars.

Concluding the Southern Nevada list of bicentennial chips is a small casino just off the Strip with the unlikely name of "The

Casino." It produced both a one and five dollar chip. Both were rather plain, however, with no picture but only the motto "Bicentennial 1776-1976."

In the northern part of the state things were a bit different. Harvey Gross, owner of Harvey's Hotel at Stateline introduced the first two dollar bicentennial chip on April 13, 1976. This, of course, coincided with the issuance of the two dollar bill and Thomas Jefferson's birthday. Full page ads in the Lake Tahoe and Reno newspapers advertised the event and the new chip became an immediate success. Since then, several thousand have been pocketed for souvenirs. Apparently the red, white, and blue chip was more of a novelty that its one and five dollar counterparts; in fact, it could prove to be more popular than the two dollar bill.

On 1 July 1976, Gary's Casino, a small club just down the highway from Harvey's opened its doors and put into play a two dollar chip similar in appearance to its neighbor.

Only two clubs in Reno commemorated the bicentennial, but one of them, the Holiday Hotel, went all out with five, twenty-five and one hundred dollar gaming tokens which were made of bronze, .999 fine silver, and ten-karat gold, respectively. Their purpose was twofold, in that 1976 marked the hotel's twentieth anniversary as well as the bicentennial.

On 26 January 1976, the tokens were put into play and were also put on sale to collectors. The original order of the gold 100-dollar token sold out on the first day!

The twenty-five and hundred dollar tokens showed a mustang on the obverse and the Liberty Bell, bald eagle, and thirteen-starred flag on the reverse, the only difference being the denomination noted on the obverse. The five dollar bronze token pictured the hotel on the obverse and Washington crossing the Delaware on the reverse. Medallic Art Comapny of Danbury CT struck the pieces.

Finally, the Horseshoe Club in Reno issued a five dollar plastic chip inscribed "1776-1976 Bicentennial." This chip is unusual because it is red on one side and blue on the other. It is advertised throughout the club as a take-home souvenir.

It should be mentioned here that two other two-dollar chips were produced probably as a result of the issuing of the Harvey's piece. They are the two-dollar El Capitan of Hawthorne and the two-dollar Landmark of Las Vegas. They are not, however, bicentennial pieces.

It will be interesting to see what happens to the bicentennial series as 1977 begins. Perhaps they will be destroyed, stored, or even sold to collectors in the casino gift shops.

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SIFTING THE SANDS OF TIME WITH ROGER ZORN

Don Finch, CANTS #9

Have you been wondering where all of those interesting Maricopa and Taft trade tokens have been coming from? Well, I have decided to let you in on my source for most of them. About two years ago, I attended the annual Golden State Treasure Hounds treasure hunt, held each year in the Bakersfield area. I drove down from Visalia on the chance that I might be able to buy or trade for some tokens. I did not believe that the Bakersfield area had been covered too well by any token collectors that I knew of. As it turned out, my trip was quite successful. I managed to buy a pocketfull of tokens out of the display cases of "finds" made by the treasure club members and I met several interesting persons. It was my good fortune to make the acquaintance of Roger Zorn and his son Tom.

Roger and Tom Zorn are "coin shooter" experts, and Roger has developed some good techniques in sifitng treasures from the ground. Although Tom is only 15 years old, he and his father have spent several thousand hours working their metal detectors and the sifting equipment invented and built by Roger. Roger has developed what is probably the most efficient and unique hand-operated sifter in existence. It is built on an old trailer bed skeleton, using two large screens with different meshes, constructed in such a manner that each screen can be shaken and cleared independently of the other. The whole apparatus is built on wheels and can be towed by Roger with no difficulty, using his pick-up truck. And tow it he does! Roger has made several trips to Nevada and several parts of California to sift for coins and artifacts. Roger is quite interested in bottles, coins and indian artifacts, as well as Owl Drug Store bottles (He would like to hear from you if you have any available for trade!). Along the way, he and Tom regularly come up with tokens.

Often times, when I buy or trade silver dollars for tokens with Roger and Tom, I ask them where they found the tokens, and more often than not, their answer is the Maricopa Dump. Maricopa is a desert town located in the oilfiends southwest of Bakersfield, and at times in the past had been a thriving community. Roger works in the oilfields in the Bakersfield area, servicing the large engines which operate the oil wells. The contract he has with his employer says that he is to work no less than two hours a day, five days a week, and be on call when needed the rest of the time. Roger starts out early each day and puts in his two hours, or however many are required, then checks with his answering service. If he has had no calls, he is then free to do what he wants for the rest of the day. You can bet he always has his metal detector and sifter with him! Most of his free time then is spent working likely sites for coins and artifacts. In the past, he has had a great deal of luck at the Maricopa Dump. Every trip there has netted some coins, bottles and a few tokens. After knowing Roger and Tom over two years, I asked if I could go along on one of their trips to the Maricopa Dump. Roger

agreed to let me tag along, and we made the trip last May. Unfortunately, Tom had a broken leg and could not go along with us.

I was a bit late getting to Roger's home in Oildale, but once I did get there, we left immediately for Maricopa. Along the way, Roger pointed out some good spots he had marked for future exploration for coins and Indian artifacts. When we got to Maricopa, Roger frist took me to the home of a Maricopa resident he had met while sifting at the dump, and Roger knew for sure this man had some tokens. He was at work, though, so I did not get a chance to talk with him.

The Maricopa Dump is right on the edge of town and right next to the school. We drove to the far side of the dump and set up the sifter next to the dry wash that borders the dump. We started shoveling dirt onto the screens and soon found a Lincoln cent from the 1920's. Roger thought we could do better further into the dump so we moved the sifter. I should say Roger moved it. I was not much help. At our new location, we again started shoveling dirt, and I quickly found that I was not going to be able to keep up with Roger. In a short time he was shoveling three to my two shovel loads. And soon he was doing twice as many shovel loads as I was, and it got worse after that. Roger just laughed and kept right on working. I did not even try to keep up with him. I also got extremely dirty. By the time I got home, I thought I had brought half of the dump with me. Roger had dressed properly for our outing and hardly seemed to get more than just a little dust on him. At noon, we stopped working and went into town where Roger bought me a hamburger and soft drink at a hamburger stand. I must have looked terrible. We went into an antique shop in town, and the owner looked at me like I was an unbelievable sight. I asked to see some post cards, and my hands were so dirty I at first thought he was not going to show them to me. Incidentally, I nearly passed u p a rare Oxnard tokens in a showcase at this shop, but Roger pointed it out to me. I picked it up for $1.

We then went back to the dump and passed the site of the old Lakeview Hotel on the way. There is just a vacant lot there now with a large depression where the hotel used to stand. The depression was the cellar of the hotel. If you have a Maricopa token in your collection, it is most likely the octagonal aluminum token from the Lakeview Hotel. We found three of these tokens by the end of the day.

Once back at the dump, we again started sifting and worked for

another couple of hours. By the time we were ready to leave, we had found:

3 Lakeview Hotel tokens from Maricopa
1 J.H. Cox Bakery and Confectionery token from Maricopa
3 old Lincoln cents
5 old ceramic marbles, one of which was blue
6 Chinese cash coins
3 old-time bottle stoppers
3 small bottles
2 old ornate buttons
1 US Army insignia pin
1 name plate for a Skinner tire pump
several small pieces of brass which Rogers keeps until he has enough to sell

This was the result of about four hours work between Roger and me, with Roger doing most of the work. I was quite happy because we had found some tokens but Roger thought it was a poor showing for the time we had put in. He had told me before we left Oildale that he considered the Maricopa Dump nearly played out, and that he did not plan on making too many more trips there. In fact, I later learned that a token collector from Riverdale had just spent a couple of days at the Maricopa Dump and had just pulled out on the morning Roger and I arrived, but had found very little. He found no tokens. Of course, he did not have Roger and his equipment. This brings me to a point I would like to mention. Roger and Tom would be glad to work with you if you have a good area in mind for sifting or working over with a metal detector. They are both impeccably honest, hard-working and friendly. And, best of all for us, they have little or no interest in tokens. So, an arrangement could probably be easily made concerning the tokens and coins which might be found at your location. If you would like to contact Roger and Tom, they may be reached at : 215 Douglas St., Oildale CA 93308. If you invite them to search your location, you will not be disappointed. If there is something there to be found, they will find it!!!!!

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NEW LOGO NEEDED:- Now that we are officially the Western States Token Society, we need to adopt a new logo for the organization. If you have any ideas for this new logo, please send them along to Duane Feisel. The old CANTS logo was a composite of ideas from several members. - DHF

= WESTERN STATES TOKENS OF NOTE =
by Duane H. Feisel

IF YOU HAVE A PIECE OR TWO OF SPECIAL INTEREST, SEND A GOOD QUALITY RUBBING TOGETHER WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE PIECE (INSCRIPTION, METAL, SIZE, BORDERS) AND WHATEVER INFORMATION YOU HAVE.

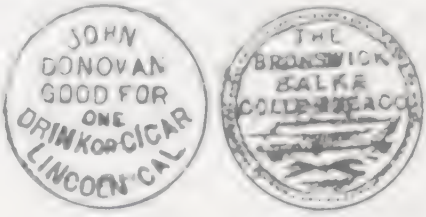
WM(?) 21(?) p/p(?)

Ed Saunders obtained a copy of a catalogue for the Irwin-Hodson Co., Portland, Ore., for 1928. The token above was pictured in that catalogue, and it is not known in any collection. I was not able to any reference to East Coram in any of my directories. I wonder if we will ever see this token?

A 31 t/t

This may or may not be a western states token, but it certainly is an interesting piece owned by Darrel Pierce. Can anyone attribute the token for us?

Member Paul F. White has come up with an attractive group of nice old tokens presented here without comment. The rubbings were not of the best quality, and I was unable to verify the border descriptions supplied by Paul; I do question the accuracy of that part of the information supplied to me.



B 25 t/b(?)

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A 21 l/b

Included among the tokens I got from Clancy Riggs is the

interesting pair shown above. They share the same reverse. J.B.F. are the initials of one Ben Flippin who operated a pool room in the 1920's. After the pool room burned in 1928, Flippin went into the ferry business with a boat that ran between Roosevelt, Wash., and Arlington, Ore., across the Columbia River. Clancy dug out this background information. The initial batch of tokens sent to Flippin were erroneously inscribed "ORE." A new batch was made with "WASH." cut over "ORE." on the die. Although it does not show in the rubbing here, one can see this be examining the token itself.

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RIGGS COLLECTION SOLD:- Long-time token collector Clancy Riggs decided finally (it was under consideration for many months actually) to let other collectors enjoy the fruits of his many years seeking the rare and unusual in exonumia. The circus and show tokens went to Agnar Wahlberg, the Idaho to a new collector (sorry that I do not know his name, but I am sure we will be hearing from him in the future), and the remaining exonumia items to Duane Feisel.

Riggs plans to continue collecting tokens--once you get a good taste of token collecting, you don't give it up easily. Clancy is approaching collecting with new enthusiasm resulting from starting anew.

The major components of the material obtained by Feisel are extensive trade token collections for the states of Washington and Oregon; he intends to keep those collections intact and to add to them. Some of the other areas collected by Riggs (such as spielmarks, movie tokens, magician tokens, automotive tokens, etc.) will be disposed of by Feisel gradually through sale or trade.

It is not often that a collection of this importance comes on the market, and it is bound to create new interest and enthusiasm in many areas of exonumia as the material gets distributed to new collectors. - DHF

ROBBERY IN COULTERVILLE: - Many of us have visited the Hotel Jeffery in Coulterville where the proprietor still has a supply of the J W THOMPSON token (Mrp 20 D--a beautiful old token) which he dips into to give a specimen to a visiting collector. In the Hotel was housed a bar and an interesting museum. Part of the display consisted of a complete set of Morgan and Peace dollars (some of them altered dates) which had been buffed and plated. These were taken in a theft last September along with a number of additional US coins. - DHF

= STOCKTON MEETING REPORT =
by Duane H. Feisel

The 1976 fall semi-annual membership meeting of CANTS was held on Saturday, November 20, at the Holiday Inn, Stockton, California. As usual, the meeting was well-attended with lots of activity the entire afternoon.

The business meeting contained a number of items, but they were handled in short order so as not to interfere too much with all the token buying, selling and swapping.

First off, we adopted a tax exemption statement for the IRS as prepared by Hal Dunn. The 1976 officers and editor will serve again in 1977, while the Curator duties will now be handled by Don Finch as a replacement for Jerry Schimmel.

While discussing the financial report, it was concluded by the membership that an increase in dues was necessary to cover the increased costs in producing and mailing *THE LEDGER* and the membership token/medal. By unanimous vote, dues for 1977 will be $5.00 (up from $4.00).

Another important matter was consideration of a name change for CANTS. Careful deliberation revealed that there was no opposition to a name change to reflect the current interests of our society, and we voted to call ourselves the Western States Token Society (WESTS for short). It was left to individual decision as to what constitutes the "western states." Thoughts ranged from those states west of the Mississippi River to the eleven western states to the eleven western states plus Alaska and Hawaii. So, "western states" is whatever you want to make of it. The new society name will mean a change in the full name of *THE LEDGER* and a new logo.

Reports were also provided on a variety of topics, and these are covered separately if of sufficient interest.

Not covered elsewhere, but of real interest, is the fact that a regional WESTS meeting will be held soon in the Southern section of California. Don Finch will host a meeting at his home in Ventura; the date has tentatively been set for Saturday, March 12. More information will be given in the next issue of *THE LEDGER*. Don expects to have dealers in tokens and in postcards present, so there will be more than the usual opportunity to obtain items for our collections. Mark your calendar now!

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WHY NOT TELL A FRIEND ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF BELONGING TO WESTERN STATES TOKEN SOCIETY?

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TRADE FOR IDAHO token of comparable desirability: Hotel Central Bar/ J.M. Aiken / Willits, Cal. GF/1/Drink 21 mm., rd., br.
John Mutch 3726 Buckingham Boise ID 83704

WANTED: HAROLD'S Club 7½¢ Wooden Dickel -- Buy or Trade
J.L. McPheeters 472 W. Monterey Ave. Stockton CA 95204

WANTED: NEVADA gaming chips from defunct casinos. Also old engraved and embossed poker chips. I have many extras for sale or trade. Would like to meet collectors with similar interests.
Phillip F. Jensen P.O. Box 543 Reno NV 89504

BANK TOKEN COLLECTORS: Wanted to correspond with and trade duplicates with. Let's get acquainted, there are not too many of us!
J.D. Mullen P.O. Box 4 Newton MA 02158

HAVE TOKENS from WA, OR, ID, CA, to rade for following Walla Walla: Goodman's Liquor House, 10¢ br; J.B. Catron Mgr, The Dacres Cigar Stand, br.; The Cresent, Hansen & Co., 5¢ br; Walla Walla Canteen, 25¢ br; Geo. Smith, 10½ S. 3rd, 5¢ al.
F.C. Christiano Rt. 2, Box 49 Walla Walla WA 99362

FREE TO all CANTS members: Alum-22-sd, FRONTIER TOWN MONTANA, good for 5¢ in trade; send SASE. If you would also like the 25¢ and 10¢ denominations, send along a small pittance of 50¢!
John G. Nicolosi 3002 Galindo St. Oakland CA 94601

WANTED - MISSOURI Merchant & Saloon tokens. Ohio merchant tokens before 1900.
Littlefield 4841 Hannover St. Louis MO 63123

COLLECTION OF TAMS JOURNALS 1966-76, trade for South Dakota merchants tokens, tt's, medals, w/n's, encased cents, adv. mirrors, etc. Also want chrome savings banks from all states. Happy & successful collecting to all in 1977, and remeber me for SD stuff.
Jim Rasmussen P.O. Box 214192 Sacramento CA 95821

IOWA tokens wanted - I have trade tokens from many states to swap for these. Also looking for 1¢ tokens from penny arcades.
Robert Lubetkin 3660 Grand Des Moines IA 50312

FOR SALE: SAVEONGAS, Inc., 5¢, from East Los Angeles (La 277C), xf-au, $2 each, or 4 for $5. Also Curto A47, set of 4, from Cannon AFB, Clovis NM, xf, $3 per set, or 5 sets for $10.
Stephen Alpert 11106 National Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90064

NEVADA TRADE TOKENS - my traders include Lane City, Delamar, Verdi, McDermitt, Manhattan, Dayton, Mazuma, Rawhide, Luning as well as several saloon tokens. When you have a better NV town to trade, send me your want list and be pleasantly surprised with the results.
Jack Haddock P.O. Box 7544 Reno NV 89502

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HELP IDENTIFY YOUR MAVERICKS. Send $2 plus 13¢ stamp for list of more than 200 maverick tokens attributed to Nevada towns. Rubbings of more than 100 included.
Len Hoskins 1342 Cedar St. Elko NV 89801

WANTED: BICENTENNIAL and other modern commemorative medals and tokens from anywhere in California, municipal, company, private issues. Also older medals, coin club issues, etc. No wood.
Stephen Album P.O. Box 4039 Berkeley CA 94704

TAMS JOURNAL, run from 1967 to 1976, approximately 73 issues in nice condition. Will sell for $20. Wanted: elongateds & masonic pennies for my collection.
Henry Kile 328 Main Street Santa Cruz CA 95060

Still want tokens and medals having to do or related to PHOTOGRAPHY FILM, CAMERAS, etc. Describe & Price. Do not send unless requested.
Dan M. Jacobsen P.O. Box 7101 Sacramento CA 95826

MARY HARTMAN FAN? If so, you will want a rain check from CAPRI LOUNGE / FERNWOOD / OHIO, Pr 32 mm. $1.00 for one, $2.00 for three, postpaid.
Duane H. Feisel P.O. Box 1302 Los Altos, CA 94022

EACH MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO ONE FREE SIX-LINE AD EVERY ISSUE, BUT A DIFFERENT AD MUST BE SUBMITTED EACH TIME. YOUR AD SHOULD BE ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER, AND NOT PART OF A LETTER. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ADS TO THE EDITOR AS FAR IN ADVANCE OF THE PUBLICATION DEADLINE AS POSSIBLE.

KAPPEN CATALOGUE--STILL COMING!: For those of you who might have missed it, the December 1976 issue of the TAMS Journal carried a bit of news about the Kappen catalogue of California trade tokens as part of the minutes of the Board meeting held in New York in August. Apparently only 600 copies will be printed of the 6 x 9 format, hard bound, approxiamtely 700 page book. There will be 45 pages of plates representing nearly 600 token photos. The estimated printing date was to be prior to 1977, but that has apparently slipped as there was no ordering information in the December issue. A price was established by the Board of $13.50 for a two month advance period, and after that the price would be $13.50 for members, $15.00 for non-members. There will be a special dealer price, so perhaps WESTS members who are not TAMS members (or even those who are TAMS members) may want to join together to get a better price. If you are interested, let me know, and an appropriate size order can be placed once TAMS is ready to accept orders. - DHF

1977 DUES ARE DUE--THE BIGGEST $5.00 BARGAIN AROUND. SEND YOUR RENEWAL TODAY WHILE YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT IT.

= CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS =

January 29--Regional WESTS meeting, home of Jim Rasmussen, Sacramento, Cal. (4429 Winding Way, telephone 489-6862); noon to 5 PM

February 15--Deadline for material for the February issue of *THE LEDGER*

February 17-20--Long Beach Coin & Stamp Expo (special exonumia section), Long Beach, CA (Note: Contact Paul F. Koppenhaver for bourse table data)

March 12--Regional WESTS meeting, home of Don Finch, Ventura, CA (more information in February issue)

August 12-14--Annual American Vecturist Association convention, Ormsby House, Carson City, NV; bourse, exhibits. Chairman: Hal Dunn.

NOTE: THE SPRING SEMI-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR WESTS IS TO BE ARRANGED. OF THE VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES, THE STRONGEST IS THAT WE WILL MEET IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CAL. STATE NUMISMATIC CONVENTION TO BE HELD APRIL 22-24 AT THE JACK TAR HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO.

PLEASE SEND PAYMENT FOR YOUR 1977 WESTS DUES NOW!

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